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SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR TO ECUADOR FELIX ROBERTO CORTES
NORIEGA

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1. AMBASSADOR CORTES, A CAREER DIPLOMAT, HAS BEEN STATIONED THE LAST 20-25 YEARS OUTSIDE OF COSTA RICA. FOR ALL BUT FOUR OF THOSE YEARS, WHEN HE SERVED IN NICARAGUA IN THE EARLY 60'S, HE RESIDED IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. CORTES WAS COSTA RICAN CONSUL GENERAL IN LOS ANGELES THE 12 YEARS PRECEDING HIS ASSIGNMENT TO QUITO.

2. CORTES COMES FROM A WELL KNOWN COSTA RICAN FAMILY. HIS UNCLE LEON CORTES WAS PRESIDENT OF COSTA RICA 1936-1940. HIS FATHER CLAUDIO CORTES SERVED AS COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA AND FRANCE. HE IS CLOSELY RELATED TO A NUMBER OF HIGH RANKING MEMBERS OF THE COSTA RICAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

3. CORTES HAS BEEN MARRIED FOR APPROXIMATELY 25 YEARS. HIS WIFE IS OF NICARAGUAN DESCENT. THEY HAVE FOUR GROWN CHILDREN, ONLY ONE OF WHOM, A SINGLE DAUGHTER, IS BELIEVED TO BE RESIDING WITH THE FAMILY IN QUITO. CORTES IS DESCRIBED AS AN INTELLIGENT, AMICABLE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS FLUENT IN ENGLISH.
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